### PATENT APPLICATION

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For: SEQUENCING METHOD USING MAGNIFYING TAGS

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

# IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 3, insert

-- This Application is a Continuation of PCT/GB99/04417 (published under PCT Article 21(2) in English) filed December 23, 1999. The disclosure of PCT/GB99/04417 is incorporated herein by reference. --

Page 9, lines 27-37 and Page 10, lines 1-5, delete in their entirety, and insert therefor

-- In an exemplary procedure, all target molecules that do not end with AAAA (SEQ ID NO:1) (when the probe ends in TTTT (SEQ ID NO:2)) would not bind and would be removed. Similarly at other addresses, target molecules having particular end sequences would bind selectively. The target molecules may be double

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